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Arkansas Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts 625 Marshall Street Little Rock, AR 72201-1020

Re: Case Assignment 21<sup>st</sup> District

Dear Sir,

Pursuant to Administrative Order 14 as amended please accept this as the Plan for Case assignment for the Twenty-first District to be implemented January 1, 2009.

There will be two divisions as follows:

Division I, Hon. Gary R. Cottrell

Division II, Hon. Mike Medlock

All new cases and reopenings filed after January 1, 2009 will fall under the plan as follows:

Division I shall hear first appearances and arraignments

Division I shall operate the drug court.

Division I shall be assigned 60% of the civil cases.

Division I shall be assigned 60% of the criminal cases.

Division I shall be assigned 40% of the domestic relations cases.

Division I shall be assigned all of the probate cases.

Division II shall be assigned all of the juvenile cases.

Division II shall be assigned 40% of the civil cases.

Division II shall be assigned 40% of the criminal cases.

Division II shall be assigned 60% of the domestic relations cases.

Assignment of particular cases will be made by computerized random selection. Each judge will handle jury trials for those cases randomly assigned to them.

By the execution of this plan, the Judges agree that they may agreeably exchange cases due to a conflict, disability, or when required for the administration of justice.

We believe this case plan provides a substantially equal apportionment of cases as to number and time among the Circuit Judges of this circuit.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hon. Gary R. Cottrell, Circuit Judge, Div. I

Hon. Mike Medlock, Circuit Judge, Div. II